

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A polypeptide comprising the same or substantially the same amino acid sequence as at least one amino acid sequence selected among SEQ ID NO:1 or to SEQ ID NO:15, or a salt thereof.
2. (Original) A manufacturing method for the polypeptide or its salt according to claim 1, which comprises culture of the transformant that was transformed by the recombinant vector containing DNA encoding the polypeptide described in claim 1, and production of the polypeptide.
3. (Original) An antibody to the polypeptide or its salt according to claim 1.
4. (Original) A method of screening a compound or its salt that either promotes or inhibits activities of the polypeptide or its salts according to claim 1, which comprises using the polypeptide or its salt according to claim 1.
5. (Original) A kit for screening a compound or its salt that either promotes or inhibits activities of the polypeptide or its salts according to claim 1, which comprises the polypeptide or its salt according to claim 1.
6. (Original) A compound or its salt that either promotes or inhibits activities of the polypeptide or its salt according to claim 1, which can be obtained by the screening method according to claim 4 or the kit for screening according to claim 5.
7. (Original) A pharmaceutical comprising a compound or its salt that either promotes or inhibits activities of the polypeptide or its salts according to claim 1, which can be obtained

Y. Itoh, et al.

USPN: 09/979,546

Response to Restriction Requirement

Page 3 of 5

by the screening method according to claim 4 or the kit for screening according to claim 5.

8. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the polypeptide or its salt according to claim 1.